



Answer the following four questions. You are allowed to use the accompanying two tables of standard normal curve ordinates and areas in your answers.

Question No. ١

(١٦ marks)

(a) Let $S = \{a, b, c, d, e, f\}$ with $P(a) = 1/16$, $P(b) = 1/16$, $P(c) = 1/8$, $P(d) = 2/16$, $P(e) = 1/4$ and $P(f) = 5/16$. Let $A = \{a, c, e\}$, $B = \{c, d, e, f\}$ and $C = \{b, c, f\}$. Find:

- $P(A/B)$.
- $P(B/C)$.
- $P(C/A^C)$.
- $P(A^C/C)$.

(b) Let A , B , and C be events. Find an expression, and exhibit the Venn diagram, for the event that:

- A and B , but not C occurs.
- Only A occurs.

(c) In a certain college, 20% of the boys and 10% of the girls are studying mathematics. The girls constitute 60% of the students. If a student is selected at random and is studying mathematics, determine the probability that the student is a girl?

Question No. ٢

(١٨ marks)

(a) Find the expectation, variance, and standard deviation of the random variable x with density function $P(x)$ given as:

x	١	٢	٤	٥
$P(x)$	٠.٤	٠.٣	٠.٢	٠.٣

(b) Prove that for any random variable x :

- $E(ax + b) = a E(x) + b$
- $V(ax + b) = a^2 V(x)$
- $E(c) = c$
- $V(c) = 0$

where a , b , and c are constants.

(c) If the density function $f(x)$ is given by:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1-x & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ x-1 & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

find the distribution function $F(x)$.

Question No. 7

(14 marks)

(a) A coin, weighted with $P(H) = \frac{1}{2}$ and $P(T) = \frac{1}{2}$, is tossed three times. Let x be a random variable denoting the longest string of heads that occurs. Find the distribution, expectation, variance, and standard deviation of x .

(b) Consider the following binomial probability distribution:

$$P(x) = \binom{n}{x} (0.5)^x (0.5)^{n-x} \quad (x = 0, 1, \dots, n)$$

where x is a random variable.

- i) How many trials (n) are in the experiment?
- ii) What is the value of p , the probability of success?
- iii) Graph $P(x)$.
- iv) Find the mean and standard deviation of x .

(c) Suppose 5% of items made by a factory are defective. Find the probability that there are 2 defective items in a sample of 100 items.

Question No. 8

(14 marks)

(a) Let x be a random variable with a standard normal distribution Φ . Find:

- i) $P(x \geq 1.17)$
- ii) $P(-1 \leq x \leq 1.17)$
- iii) $P(-1.17 \leq x \leq 1.17)$
- iv) $P(-1.17 \leq x \leq -1)$

(b) Let x be a random variable with the standard normal distribution Φ . Determine the value of t , standard units, if:

- i) $P(-1 \leq x \leq t) = 0.4971$
- ii) $P(x \leq t) = 0.8919$
- iii) $P(t \leq x \leq 1) = 0.108$

(c) A class has 12 boys and 8 girls. If three students are selected at random one after the other from the class, what is the probability that they are all boys?

Best wishes

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The Fundamentals of Stochastic processes

Sheet no.5

1) Medical research has shown that a certain type of chemotherapy is successful 70% of the time when used to treat skin cancer .suppose five cancer patients are treated with this type of chemotherapy and let x equal the no. of successful cures out of the five .

x	0	1	2	3	4	5
$P(x)$	0.002	0.029	0.132	0.309	0.360	0.160

The probability distribution of x is given in the following table.

Find:

a) $\mu = E(x)$

b) $\sigma = \sqrt{E(x - \mu)^2}$

2) Find the expectation, variance .and the standard deviation of each of the following:

i)

x	2	3	11
$P(x)$	1/3	1/2	1/6

ii)

x	-5	-4	1	2
$P(x)$	1/4	1/8	1/2	1/8

iii)

x	1	3	4	5
$P(x)$	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.3

iv) $p(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{25}x & 0 \leq x \leq 5 \\ 0 & elsewhere \end{cases}$

3) Prove for any random variable x

i) $E(ax+b) = aE(x) + b$

ii) $V(ax+b) = a^2V(x)$

iii) $E(c) = c$

iv) $V(c) = 0$

4) The heart association claims that only 10% of adults over 30 can pass the physical fitness test. Suppose that four adults are randomly selected and each is given the fitness test.

a) Find the probability that ~~three~~^{none} of the four adults pass the test

b) Find the probability that three of the four adults pass the test

c) Let x represent the number of the four adults who pass the test

d) Drive a formula for $p(x)$, the probability distribution of the binomial random variable x.

5) Refer to problem 4. Use the formula for a binomial random variable to find the probability distribution of x, where x is the number of adults who pass the fitness test, graph the distribution

x	0	1	2	3	4
P(x)	0.6561	0.2916	0.0406	0.0036	0.0001

6) Refer to problem 5 .Calculate the mean and the standard deviation.

7) Give a formula for $p(x)$ for a binomial random variable with $n=7$ and $p=0.2$

8) Consider the following binomial probability distribution

$$P(x) = \binom{5}{x} (0.7)^x (0.3)^{5-x}, X = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$$

a) How many trials n are in the experiment?

b) What is the value of p .the probability of success?

c) Graph $p(x)$

d) Find the mean and the standard deviation of x .

9) Suppose X is a binomial random variable with $n = 3$ and $p = 0.3$

a) Calculate the value of $p(x)$, $x=0, 1, 2, 3$, using the formula for a binomial probability distribution.

b) Find the mean and the standard deviation of x

10) If x is a binomial random variable. Calculate mean, variance and standard deviation for each of the following

a) $n = 80$, $p=0.2$

b) $n = 70$, $p=0.9$

c) $n = 1000$, $p=0.04$